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Death rate of Berlin.

The death rate of Berlin for the week ended May 16 was lower than it has been since the beginning of April, and amounted, calculated upon the year, to 13.9 per thousand of the population, as compared with 16.3 in the foregoing week; this rate being also considerably lower than that for the corresponding week of last year, in which it amounted to 16.4. Of the large German cities, during this week, only the following showed more favorable figures than Berlin, namely: Düsseldorf, Charlottenburg (with 10.5), and Schöneberg (with 7.8 per thousand). The death rate of the following places was considerably higher than that of Berlin, viz: Dresden, Leipzig, Frankfurt-am-Main, Cologne, Hamburg, Breslau, Brunswick, Munich, Nuremberg, Stuttgart, Carlsruhe, as well as London, Paris, and Vienna. The decrease in the number of deaths was mainly among children in the first year of life. The mortality rate among infants fell since the foregoing week from 5.2 to 3.3 per year and mille, being thereby only about one-third of that of Chemnitz and Nuremberg and hardly half that of Munich. Acute intestinal diseases caused 41 deaths. Acute diseases of the respiratory organs claimed 34 victims (as compared with 64 in the foregoing week). For the first time during the present year there were no deaths from influenza. Eighty-six persons died of phthisis pulmonalis and 46 persons succumbed to cancer. There were further registered 2 deaths from diphtheria and 8 deaths from scarlet fever. Measles claimed 7 victims. Sixteen persons died by violence.

GUATEMALA.

Report from Livingston, fruit port.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Peters reports as follows: Week ended June 1, 1903. Present officially estimated population, 3,500; no deaths reported; prevailing diseases, varicella and malarial affections; general sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good. Varicella has developed among the children of Livingston, otherwise the health of this port remains unchanged.

Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
May 26	Breakwater	34	7	12
27	David	19
30	J. L. Nelson	8

The steamship *Breakwater* cleared from Puerto Barrios.

Varicella epidemic in Livingston.

Varicella has developed in epidemic form in Livingston among children, and there have been several cases among adults. So far no cases of smallpox have come under my observation here, but I have been informed that it is in the interior near the railroad. Otherwise the sanitary conditions of Livingston and Puerto Barrios remain good.